

# Trinity Lutheran Church

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May 2025

## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings in Christ!

The month of May. This is my favorite month. Everything is green and you can see forever. The air is warm and soothing, the sky is blue, the birds are singing. God's grace is rampant and plentiful. It is easy for all to see!

The deck on the back of the Parsonage gets a lot of use from both Lorna and I at this point. We spend a lot of time out there, eat most of our meals there, play games and just enjoy God's creation...worshipping God's Son while we sit in the sun.

Many of you are aware of the fact Lorna has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. This cancer is not curable. It is treatable. She will be starting a regimen of Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy very soon. (By the time you read this, she will have received multiple cycles of treatment). She will be receiving this treatment for the rest of her life. Eventually, cancer will win, but the treatment is the gold standard for this form of cancer, and we have every reason to expect her to live for quite a while.

Obviously, we have spent a lot of time praying about this, asking God to heal her, to take away this horrible disease. If God wishes this to happen, it will.

If God says it is better for her to not be healed, then she won't be.

Lorna had another form of cancer 28 years ago. She had surgery and then radiation to cure her at that time. The Doctor's tell us this cancer is caused by the radiation she received to cure the old cancer.

I am struck by the fact Jesus cured many people in Scripture. Other people performed healings in Scripture. I have seen people in my lifetime who have been cured of various diseases, including cancer, miraculously by the laying on of hands. Something I have never seen is a 2,000-year-old person walking around the world. None of the people that Jesus cured is still alive physically, today.

I can choose to be angry that God has allowed this horrible disease back into Lorna's life and be angry that it will cut short our time together, or I can be thankful that God has given us an additional 28 years together, to live, to laugh, to love. I choose to be grateful.

Go with God,

*Pastor Ritchie*

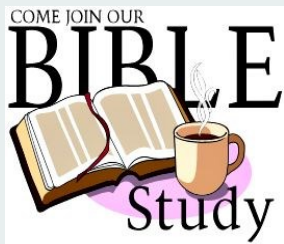


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Confirmation Sunday is May 4th. Please come and celebrate with us.



### Women's Bible Study

The Third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the church fellowship hall



Mark your calendars! Carrington Community VBS dates have been set for Aug 4-7. These dates are different than our traditional time. Please mark your calendars of the schedule change. We will post more information as it arrives

Not only does our library house our extensive collection of books and movies, but much like the church itself, the library is a wonderful place to gather. The library is the meeting spot for a Bible study for the ladies every third Tuesday of the month at 9am, council meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm, and WOW meetings the second Monday of each month at 7pm. It's also a good place to sit before or after church, or even during the week to catch up with friends! The library committee put together Busy Bags for the youngest among us to use during church, we were really happy to see them being utilized on Easter Sunday! There are quite a few new books that were recently added to the library that are just itching to be read, stop by and borrow one today!



Is there something you would like to see added to our collection? Have an idea that isn't necessarily book related but might be something the library can help with? Please talk to Claudia Park, Dorothy Fenske, or Katie Gussiaas to see if your suggestions can be turned into reality.



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#### • **Board of Trustees:**

- Did not meet this month.
- Office doors and lights have been completed.
- Lighting in the older bathroom is updated.
- The handicapped door is now functioning.
- Ongoing discussions about the paving project.

#### **Old Business:**

- Council voted on a new vision/mission statement.
- Motion by Josh Cabler to adopt: **"Worship Christ in actions, love, and service."**
- Seconded by Kerry Smith.
- **Motion carried.**

Sunday School Superintendent Search Committee includes: Claudia Park, Kelsey Neis, and Jane VanRay.

#### **New Business:**

- Pastor Ritchie, Claudia Park, Katie Gussiaas, Jane VanRay, and Kristen Simons will attend the Northern Plains District LCMC Meeting on **May 10, 2025**

#### **Correspondence:**

Three thank-you notes were received this month.

#### **Next Meeting:**

**Date:** May 13, 2025

**Devotions by:** Jo Pollert

**Closing Prayer:** Claudia Park

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Jo Pollert, Church Council Secretary

## JUNE FAITH IN SERVICE LIST

Membership of Trinity Lutheran is divided into 11 groups that each take a month to be responsible for tasks within the church. Each month we will be looking for ushers, lay readers, communion set-up, communion servers and coffee servers.

The list below is the service group scheduled for June. The coordinators for June are Joan Copenhaver and Janelle Dunwoody. If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in June works best for you and call Joan(307-0065) or Janelle(652-5939) to volunteer. If you are called, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Please say yes when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship services.

Bickett, Cody	Kliem, Duane & Michelle	Pierson, Chris & Teresa
Bickett, Amanda	Larson, Ryan & Brenda	Pollert, Chet & Jo
Christianson, Richard	Mehring, Scott & Shannon	Roundy, Troy & Sheryl
Copenhaver, Dave & Joan	Miller, Russ & Joan	Schagunn, Larry & Caryl
Dunwoody, Janelle & Wayne	Moravec, Brittney & Thomas	Scheen, James & Jolette
Garber, Dustin & Nichole	Neis, Kelsey	Seaburg, Mike & Amy
Gast, Carl & Jennifer	Nysted, Richard & Barbara	Solwey, Tom
Hagel, Kelly & Becky	Oster, Leslie & Brian	Tweed, Scott & Dakota
Holte, Ken & Marvis	Park, Claudia	Williams, Doug & Ardis
Hone, Matthew & Carlen	Paulson, Gerald & Cathy	

## TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

	<u>March Income</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Weekly Income and Attendance</u>		
General	\$17,509.14	\$28,132.44	Weekly Need:	\$4,981.73	
B.L.A.S.T.	\$	-	3/02/2025	6,276.00	165
Mission	\$	\$	3/09/2025	2,780.60	128
Building	\$	\$ 9,523.61	3/16/2025	2,796.00	111
Total	\$17,509.14	\$37,656.05	3/23/2025	2,276.00	127
			3/30/2025	1,991.00	108
			Online giving for March	\$2,783.11	

## Budget Report for January 1, 2025—December 31, 2025

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Disbursed to Date</u>	<u>Budgeted for Year</u>	<u>Difference for Year</u>
Missions	\$585.00	\$4,600.00	\$ 4,015.00
Staff Compensation	\$49,701.43	\$171,200.00	\$ 121,498.57
Congregational Life	\$4,754.23	\$15,600.00	\$10,845.77
Operational Cost	\$17,900.42	\$67,650.00	\$ 49,749.58
WOW	\$2,004.48	\$38,100.00	\$36,095.52
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$74,945.56</b>	<b>\$297,150.00</b>	<b>\$222,204.44</b>

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 8, 2025

**Location:** Trinity Lutheran Church

**Called to Order by:** President Michael Simons

**Opening Prayer:** Michael Simons

**Devotions:** Janice Gussiaas

### Attendance:

Claudia Park, Lori Solberg, Michael Simons, Josh Cabler, Kendra Beach, Tara Rau, Markie Rosenau, Pastor Ritchie Cole, Kelsey Neis, Janice Gussiaas, Kerry Smith

**Guests:** Sheryl Roundy, Carlen Hone, Justin Hone, Addyson Gussiaas, Kate Fiebiger, Molly Fiebiger

**Absent:** Jeff Knudson, Jodie Davis, Sheila Harrington, Morgan Wetzel, Mike Neis

### Approval of Minutes:

One correction to the March meeting minutes was noted.

Motion by Kelsey Neis to add Claudia Park to the committee tasked with replacing Jane VanRay as Sunday School Superintendent.

Seconded by Claudia Park.

**Motion passed.**

**President's Remarks:** President Michael Simons welcomed all guests, noting that the Board of Education has asked Confirmation students to attend a council meeting due to their availability aligning better than council meetings.

### Treasurer's Report:

- **General Account:** \$7,024.94      **Reserve Account:** \$7,748.49
- **Missions Account:** \$38,654.18      **Edward Jones Account:** \$74,213.47
- All April bills have been paid.
- \$500.00 will be moved from the General Account to the Reserve Account to be held for the paving project.
- Discussion underway about possible contributions to LCMC.

### Pastor's Report – Pastor Ritchie Cole:

- Attended multiple meetings and community events.
- Conducted 2 baptisms and 1 funeral.
- Performed hospital, nursing home visits, and services.
- Anointed and prayed for several individuals before medical procedures.
- Provided communion for shut-ins and residents at Golden Acres.
- Met with Confirmation students about projects and discussed communion with 5th graders.

**Executive Board – Michael Simons:** Did not meet this month.

**Board of Deacons – Lori Solberg:** All preparations for upcoming services are complete.

**Women of the Word** Did not meet yet this month.

### Board of Education – Kelsey Neis:

- Penny Power funds will sponsor the movie *King of Kings* on April 19. Remaining funds will be donated to Trinity FSMC Fund.
- Kelsey will serve on the committee to search for a new Sunday School Superintendent.
- Faithful Attendance and Teacher Recognition will be held on April 27.
- First Communion Sunday is April 12 with a cake and coffee reception following the service.
- Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for May 4.
- Youth group will volunteer with Orphan Grain Train.

# APRIL 2025 WOMEN OF THE WORD (WOW)

## BOARD MEETING

The Women of the Word (WOW) board meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on April 14, 2025, by Co-President Sheila Harrington. Those in attendance were Sheila Harrington, Nikole Hoggarth, Julee Erdmann, Brenda Stokes, Mary Struxness, Karen Buskness and Amanda Bickett. Michelle Kliem and Kristen Hewitt were absent. Mary Struxness shared a devotion.

**Minutes of the March meeting:** Were reviewed. Nikole moved to approve the minutes and Karen seconded. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sheila presented the March 2025 financial report for Michelle. The beginning balance for March was \$10,653.81 with deposits of \$1,499.55 and expenses of \$1,142.42. **Bills submitted and paid in March were:** Julee Erdmann \$53.07, Leever's \$154.11, Dakota Dust Tex \$183.05, Dacotah Paper \$452.19 and Prairie Inn \$300.00. **Current bills to be approved and paid in April:** Dakota Dust Tex (rug rental) \$97.78, Leever's (cookies \$33.00, soup supper \$220.00, funeral \$72.22 and blast \$40.54) \$365.76, Dacotah Paper (kitchen supplies) \$45.95, Prairie Inn (funeral) \$150.00 and Petal and Stems Floral (flowers for Michelle) \$74.55. Brenda moved to approve the Treasurer's report and Nikole seconded it. All were in favor.

**Vice Presidents Report:** Julee reported five coffee hours and two funerals for March. Julee mentioned that the Trinity Fair Food Booth planning is under way. Julee thought that it would be nice to add some new items to our menu so if anyone has any suggestions you can contact Julee or anyone on the WOW board.

**Fellowship Report:** Karen reported that senior towels are done. We have eight seniors this year who will receive a towel on Senior Recognition Sunday May 18th.

**Stewardship Report:** No report.

**Correspondence:** Thank You from Lexus Page for supporting her mission trip. Thank You from Healthy Communities/Kids Experience for our donation.

### Old and Unfinished Business:

**New Business:** The church parsonage needs a new refrigerator. The church board was asking if we would help pay for half. Nikole made a motion for WOW to pay for half of the new refrigerator. Karen seconded and all were in favor. The refrigerator will be purchased at DJ's Home Center. **\*\*Some discussion on planning another Muffins for Madagascar Sunday. It was decided to table planning a date till next month's meeting.**

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the church library.

Submitted by Mary Struxness



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## *MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*

- 1 Rhyatt Cabler, Doug Ferguson
- 2 Fred Piatz, Michelle Rexin, Jamie Rindy,  
Dan & Marlene Wolf
- 3 Stacey Heinitz, Doug Skadberg
- 4 Joyce Cabler, Kim Cook, Kyle Rzaszutak, Marlene Wolf
- 5 Jordan Koll, , Mary Struxness
- 6 Randy Hooey, Brooke Kollman, Dawn & Larry Weninger
- 7 Espyn Hooey, Owen LaBelle, Kendra & Ben Beach
- 8 Shelly Skytland, Brenda & Ryan Larson
- 9 Kerry Smith
- 11 Kim Dietz, Greg Gussiaas, Sara Laib
- 12 Chris Pierson
- 15 Culley Hoggarth, Teresa & Greg Edland
- 16 Kevin Carr, Ken Holte, Emma Hone, Kiara Radke
- 17 Callen Garber, Merle Radke, Savannah Whitman
- 18 Asher Jans, Bridger Jans, Fred Sauby
- 19 Stacey Scheen, Brenda Stokes
- 20 Clarence Wolff
- 22 Nikki Braaten
- 23 Rynlee Carr, Forrest Stangeland, Jim & Jolette Scheen
- 24 Lucas Brown, Kreed Kirkeby
- 25 Corrine Frost
- 26 Dallas Beckman, Kanin Zieman
- 27 Don Bickett, Daryl Rask, Allison Smith
- 28 Carsyn Hilbert, Cathy & Snook Paulson
- 29 Larry Erickson, Patty Zink, Susan & Todd Bickett
- 30 Darlene Knuth, Tamarra Marcotte
- 31 Arvid Ellingson, Gary Kutz, Russ Miller

# MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:30am Worship/ Communion Confirmation 10:30am Coffee Hour	5	6	7 4:45pm Board of Education Meeting	8	9	10
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	12 7:00pm WOW Meeting	13 7:00pm Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 9:30am Worship/ Communion Graduation Recognition 10:30am Coffee Hour	19	20 9:00am Woman's Bible Study	21 10:00am Worship Service at Golden Acres  7:15pm New Life Youth Group	22	23	24
25 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	26 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	27	28	29	30	31

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Becky Pretzer—Secretary

Holly Zieman - Parish Nurse  
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May 2025

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CHURCH

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Sundays at 9:30 am

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